

must make a choice. Either it recognizes that its commitments to Israel form the basis of a permanent peace, or it continues the charade of compliance until the peace process is irreparably damaged. The sooner the Palestinian Authority realizes that these commitments are inescapable and will not be overlooked by the international community, the sooner the peace process will become simply peace.

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I am pleased to be an original cosponsor of the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act [MEPFA] of 1995 joining the majority and minority leaders, Senators DOLE and DASCHLE, the chairman and ranking member of the Foreign Relations Committee, Senators HELMS and PELL, my coauthor of the 1989 PLO Commitments Compliance Act, Senator MACK, and Senator FEINSTEIN. This act supports continued progress in the important process of achieving a stable, lasting peace for Israel and the Middle East. This act alone will not bring peace to this troubled region, but without it the task becomes exceedingly difficult if not impossible. America's support for the peace process has been long, steady and essential. The Middle East Peace Facilitation Act of 1995 enables the United States to continue the important role we have played and must continue to play.

Much of the road to a secure peace remains ahead of us. Yet we must not forget how much progress has already been made. Prime Minister Rabin and Chairman Arafat have taken considerable risks—both personal and for their people—to reach the point we are at today. The United States, and most especially President Clinton and Secretary Christopher, has remained by the side of the negotiators every step of the way—facilitating the process, prodding where necessary, and, always, supporting the negotiating parties. It is critical that the provisions which MEPFA allows—waiver of certain restrictions and authorities—remain in force if we are all to remain on the path to peace.

I continue to believe that PLO compliance with its commitments remains an essential element in the quest for peace. There is little doubt that the Palestinian Authority has not yet fulfilled all the commitments Chairman Arafat made in the declaration of principles signed at Oslo and other agreements reached between Israel and the PLO.

The Middle East Peace Facilitation Act of 1995 maintains conditions and reporting requirements critical to ensure that the PLO commitments are carried out. This act strengthens the requirements which the Palestinian Authority must meet in order for United States aid and waiver authorities to continue. It takes into account many of the criticisms which have, correctly, been made of existing legislation. The act makes far clearer the linkage between United States assistance and the firm obligation of the Palestinian Au-

thority to comply with all the commitments it has freely made. There should be no confusion that the United States—and the cosponsors of this bill—is intent on seeing this process through to a real peace brought about by both sides negotiating in good faith and fulfilling their obligations.

The Middle East Peace Facilitation Act has been a vital component of the Middle East peace process, and has served as an effective and powerful tool in monitoring and compelling PLO compliance with its commitment to peace and fighting terror and extremism. This bill strengthens MEPFA. The peace process and this bill deserve our full support.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 327

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 327, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide clarification for the deductibility of expenses incurred by a taxpayer in connection with the business use of the home.

S. 641

At the request of Mrs. KASSEBAUM, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 641, a bill to reauthorize the Ryan White CARE Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

S. 724

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mrs. KASSEBAUM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 724, a bill to authorize the Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Programs to make grants to States and units of local government to assist in providing secure facilities for violent and chronic juvenile offenders, and for other purposes.

S. 837

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BUMPERS], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. DOLE], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG], the Senator from Kansas [Mrs. KASSEBAUM], and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. PELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 837, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of James Madison.

S. 890

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 890, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to gun free schools, and for other purposes.

S. 907

At the request of Mr. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. PRESSLER] and the Senator

from Wyoming [Mr. SIMPSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 907, a bill to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authorities and duties of the Secretary of Agriculture in issuing ski area permits on National Forest System lands and to withdraw lands within ski area permit boundaries from the operation of the mining and mineral leasing laws.

S. 940

At the request of Mr. GORTON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 940, a bill to support proposals to implement the United States goal of eventually eliminating antipersonnel landmines; to impose a moratorium on use of antipersonnel landmines except in limited circumstances; to provide for sanctions against foreign governments that export antipersonnel landmines, and for other purposes.

S. 969

At the request of Mr. BRADLEY, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. DEWINE] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] were added as cosponsors of S. 969, a bill to require that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for a mother and child following the birth of a child, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 146

At the request of Mr. JOHNSTON, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mr. GORTON] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 146, a resolution designating the week beginning November 19, 1995, and the week beginning on November 24, 1996, as "National Family Week," and for other purposes.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1996

BINGAMAN (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 1834

Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. KERREY, and Mr. FEINGOLD) proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 1817) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 22, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

SEC. 127. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the total amount appropriated by this Act for military construction and family housing is hereby reduced by \$300,000,000.

SIMON (AND MOSELEY-BRAUN) AMENDMENT NO. 1835

Mr. SIMON (for himself and Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1817, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . FORT SHERIDAN.

(a) In order to ensure the continued protection and enhancement of the open spaces of Fort Sheridan, the Secretary of the Army shall convey to the Lake County Forest Preserve District, Illinois, (in this section referred to as "the District"), all right, title, and interest of the United States to a parcel of surplus real property at Fort Sheridan consisting of approximately 290 acres located north of the southerly boundary line of the historic district at the post, including improvements thereon.

(b) As consideration for the conveyance by the Secretary of the Army of the parcel of real property under subsection (a), the District shall provide maintenance and care to the remaining Fort Sheridan Cemetery, pursuant to an agreement to be entered into between the District and the Secretary. The Secretary of the Army shall be responsible to continue interments at the cemetery for the remainder of its use.

(c) The Secretary of the Army is also authorized to convey the remaining surplus property at Fort Sheridan to the negotiating agent, or its successor, for an amount no less than fair market value (as determined by the Secretary of the Army) of the property to be conveyed.

(d) **DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.**—The exact acreage and legal description of the real property (including improvements thereon) to be conveyed under subsections (a) and (c) shall be determined by surveys satisfactory to the Secretary. The cost of such surveys shall be borne by the Lake County Forest Preserve District, and the Fort Sheridan Joint Planning Committee, respectively.

(e) **ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**—The Secretary may require such additional terms and conditions in connection with the conveyance under this section as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the interest of the United States, except for consideration previously provided for in paragraph (c).

NOTICE OF HEARING**COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the full Committee on Energy and Natural Resources to consider the nomination of John Garamendi to be the Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

The hearing will take place Thursday, July 27, 1995, at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

For further information, please call Camille Heninger at (202) 224-5070.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Mrs. KASSEBAUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be permitted to meet on Friday, July 21, 1995, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-215, to conduct a hearing on foreign tax issues.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mrs. KASSEBAUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Friday, July 21, 1995, at 11 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mrs. KASSEBAUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Friday, July 21, 1995, at 10 a.m. to hold a hearing on Federal Law Enforcement and the Good Ol' Boys Roundup.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS**LARGE ANECHOIC CHAMBER, PATUXENT RIVER, MD**

• Mr. REID. Mr. President, the committee has been particularly interested in the proposed large anechoic chamber at Patuxent River, MD, a project for which \$30 million has been appropriated to date. The Committee has received a letter from the Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Mike Boorda, strongly endorsing this project, which I will ask to have printed in the RECORD today. This is a major national level project and asset, of great value in the use of modeling and simulation to provide more timely and cost effective RDT&E of naval aircraft. The Committee expects the Department of the Navy to begin expending the money already appropriated in the next few months, and fully expects that future appropriations will fully fund the facility. I note that some \$60 million was authorized for the project. While the committee has not added to the \$30 million already appropriated, it is impressed with the importance of the project and encourages the Navy to provide a design for the chamber that will maximize its long-term utility and efficiency.

I ask that the letter from Admiral Boorda be printed in the RECORD.

The letter follows:

CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS,
July 19, 1995.

Hon. STROM THURMOND,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN, I am writing to inform you of our commitment to proceed with the construction of the Large Anechoic Chamber at Naval Air Warfare Center, Patuxent River, Maryland. We thank you for your support of our aviation programs and of this future national asset.

The proposed Large Anechoic Chamber (MILCON project P-389) is of special interest due to its unique capabilities and its multi-year appropriations. The chamber is a key component for the increased use of modeling and simulation to provide more timely and cost effective RDT&E of naval aircraft. It will be completely integrated with the existing Air Combat Environment Test and Evaluation Facility. Congress authorized \$60.9 million in FY93 for this project. We are proceeding with a plan to construct a complete

and useable, shielded Anechoic Chamber which meets the stated intent of Congress.

The Navy's commitment to fund supporting materials for the chamber (estimated \$9 million of OM&N) results in an alternative that will construct a complete and capable facility within existing funds. This approach will result in beginning the project this year and provide the core capability along with the flexibility to later complete the project as initially envisioned.

An additional appropriations of about \$20 million will be necessary to construct the chamber as initially envisioned and to maximize its long term utility and efficiency. Design efforts will be scoped to the available funds; if additional appropriations could be made in advance of the design process, a savings in both design and construction would be course, be realized.

We are moving ahead with this project and look forward to its contribution to future state of the art aircraft development.

Sincerely & Very Respectfully,

J.M. BOORDA,
Admiral, U.S. Navy.

STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD FROM SENATOR SARBANES

I want to thank the distinguished Chairman and the ranking member for their help in including language in the report to accompany the Fiscal 1996 Military Construction Appropriations Bill supporting the construction of a large anechoic chamber at the Naval Air Warfare Center, Patuxent River, Maryland.

This project—the Nation's first Integrated Test Facility for aircraft—is a top priority of the U.S. Navy. It will allow the Navy to perform flight tests, simulations and threat assessments in an integrated, secure environment, and provide more timely and cost effective research, development, testing and evaluation of naval aircraft.

I ask that a copy of the letter from the Chief of Naval Operations for the Navy, Admiral J.M. Boorda, highlighting the importance of this future national asset, be included in the RECORD, immediately following my statement.

Congress authorized \$60.9 million for this project in Fiscal 1993, and the committee has provided \$30 million over the past three years (1993, 1994 and 1995) for the completion of this facility at Patuxent River. The base already has a small anechoic chamber and associated laboratories that would cost approximately \$300 million to replicate. The need to complement these unique facilities with a large chamber was recognized as early as 1988 by the Inspector General at the Defense Department.

I fully expect the Navy to submit a budget request to complete this important project in Fiscal 1997 and I hope the Committee will approve the necessary funding.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

APPRECIATION TO THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

• Mr. JOHNSTON. Mr. President, despite the collapse of efforts to enact comprehensive and meaningful regulatory reform, there is credit and thanks that are due to many public-spirited organizations and individuals who gave selflessly of their time and talent to make S. 343 a good, strong, credible bill. Perhaps no single professional organization did more to help the U.S. Senate in this regard than the American Bar Association and the incoming chair of the ABA Administrative Law Committee, Mr. Philip J.